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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Examiner: Gregg Cantelmo

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For: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE MEMBRANE AND SOLID POLYMER ELECTROLYTE

FUEL CELL USING SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the event that an extension of time is needed for the filing of the Supplemental Amendment being filed today, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 24, 2003, to February 24, 2004.

If an extension is needed, please charge the statutory fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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